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MAKE PLANS TO JOIN THE PSWD ONLINE LOVE FEAST

The deacons and I would like to encourage everyone to join the Pacific Southwest District, to which we belong, for the spring virtual Love Feast. We will be joining and sharing the service with people from across California, Arizona, and Nevada!

Sisters and brothers from across the district will come together to share in *Love Feast on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. PST.* The same service will be offered on the PSWD YouTube channel and in Zoom at the same time. The only difference will be that those joining in Zoom will have the opportunity to see and share with each other during the service. The Service will be in both English and Spanish, with captions in the alternate language so that all may participate. The service will remain on YouTube after its premiere so that you can view it at an alternate time.

To register for the Zoom service and receive the Zoom link by email use this link: <https://bit.ly/3pnl5UI>

The district YouTube Channel can be accessed at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_9v4N-GBE6UCUENoAylf_g

Our deacons are providing a Love Feast meal for all regardless of whether or not they choose to participate in the Love Feast service. The meal will consist of soup, roll, fruit, cookie, and Communion bread for each person. There is a vegetarian option, as well. Please RSVP to the church office by March 28. Meal pick-up is at the church on March 31 and April 1 from 9-noon. Delivery is available to those in the Modesto area who request it.



EASTER FLOWERS NEEDED!

Easter is coming and the worship coordinators need your help! We need fresh flowers to decorate the cross for the Easter worship service. You can bring the flowers by the church on Saturday, April 3, from 9 to noon at the north doors (just beyond the kitchen). There will be a masked volunteer to collect your flowers and carefully place them into one of the openings.



Please join us for worship on the Modesto Church of the Brethren Facebook page at 11 AM each Sunday.



Kim Boardman asks for prayers for the son of a friend who was hit by a car and has had surgery for broken legs.

Allison Sampson asks for prayers for her friends Brandi and Candice. She has a joy that Eli won first prize in an art contest, and Cooper played an amazing gig with his guitar.

David and Linda Owen offer Happy Birthday to Mary Baucher.

Elaine Forcier is happy that her granddaughter Maddy Beth has been accepted to U. C. Davis, her first choice.

Bert Maldonado gives a million praises to Kelsey Boardman for getting the youth out of their bedrooms and out into nature. Thanks to God!

Monique Sanders prays for safe travels for Marquis, his brother and his dad who are flying to Maryland.

Ginny Hollis is now at Casa de Modesto in room 917C. While she cannot have visitors at this time (due to CA state COVID restrictions) she is able to accept phone calls, Facetime calls and Messenger calls on her cell phone (209) 604-6087. She can also receive texts, but is not able to respond to texts or Facebook messages at this time. She can have visitors outside her window at Casa de Modesto, but visitors need to contact Casa de Modesto activities to schedule an appointment before visiting.

Always keep in your prayers those whose concerns are too deep for words.

From Gayle and Eddie Hernandez: "After 2 1/2 months of looking for a house to meet our needs and then waiting for escrow to close, we have finally moved into a house we can call "home" again. There are still many unpacked boxes in the garage, but we are slowly getting settled. We are thrilled to be close to family - we even babysit great-grandchildren every Monday - however, the move away from our Modesto church family has been difficult. We have visited several churches in the area, but are still looking for the right one. No one does "church" quite like you folks.

We have an extra bedroom and would welcome a visit from any of you that can travel up this way. Our cell phone numbers remain the same. Our new address is: 6255 W. Harmony Street, Rathdrum, ID 83858."



A great big THANK YOU for everyone who participated in the St Patrick's Day take-out dinner event. We had a lot of fun and served 55 meals to well deserving, hungry people. It felt so good to see you, if just briefly, as you stopped to pick up your dinner. We had a hard working crew in the kitchen to make this all happen as smoothly and efficiently as possible: (Dave Messamer, Sandy Whitby, Marcia Palsgrove, Monique and Marquis Sanders, and me.

Thanks also to those of you who took the time to sign the hymnals for our graduates. That is much appreciated!

We will keep you informed about the next Wednesday night event. ~Peggy
Fellowship & Recreation Commission



Small Group Get-Togethers From Derek Castle

Last week the CDC and Dr Fauci said that it was OK for small numbers of fully vaccinated people to gather in a home (if no one has serious existing health risks).

I am willing to coordinate a linking up of folk from fully vaccinated households with folk from other fully vaccinated households who may want to meet for a simple meal or get-together.

I will do a linking up for next Wednesday 31st March. We will see how it goes and then maybe do something similar after that.

If you are from a fully vaccinated household, let me know if you are interested, I will randomly link you up with a person or two (or 3) from another fully vaccinated household and let you make your own arrangements about when and where you meet and who brings what, transportation, health safe protocols you would like to implement etc. I will try to limit it to 5 people per gathering.

This is NOT an official church sanctioned activity. It is solely something I felt that I should do. It is just an informal chance for some of us (who feel comfortable to do so) to finally enjoy some "low-ish risk" in-person fellowship. And hopefully it will work out that some of us will get to gather with some others that we don't know well yet. That would be an extra bonus.

If you would like to participate (and it will be over 2 weeks since your final vaccination) just let me know by Sunday, March 28th, by phone, text or email.

If you would like to participate, but Wednesday the 31st does not work for you, also let me know and I will try to link you with others in the same "boat" .

Jenni and I enjoyed spending time with Jim and Marye Martinez at our place eating together the delicious "St Pats" meal that Fellowship and Rec made, and we would love to continue regular in-person fellowshiping with other vaccinated folk (as long as medical guidance allows it).

I am going to be in Alabama till Saturday but I will usually be contactable.

~Derek Castle--Phone (209)573-3245



MOVING FORWARD 'VIRTUALLY'

Earlier this month our new streaming system was installed by Matt Robertson, consultant for Floodjay Productions. Last Saturday he provided a training session for the volunteers we recruited to learn the new A/V system. Having an adequate team of sound techs is crucial to running the updated system effectively.

When we return to 'in person' worship, we will be able to live stream our worship services from the Sanctuary instead of from Pastor Andrew's home. Many new folks located far beyond our local congregation have been able to connect with us virtually. We're thankful the new system will allow us to continue to connect with them when we return to 'in-person' worship.



*Articles and photos for the next issue of Chimes are due by Sunday, March 28. Email to: chimes@modcob.org
The Editor thanks you.*

Actors Needed

Have you had a desire to be on camera and get your "15 minutes of fame?" Well, now is your chance! Soon we will be filming and recording a video for the church's revamped website. We are looking for individuals, couples, families, and anyone who would like to help.

Roles needed:

- People to visit with one another while drinking coffee
- Someone to be filmed using the labyrinth
- A family in the nursery
- People greeting one another in the parking lot
- And more!!

Welcome Statement

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace, as taught by Jesus, are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace persons of every age, race, sexual orientation, ethnic and religious background, physical and mental ability, and economic means as vital and integral members of God's family. As an Open and Affirming congregation we welcome everyone to participate in the life and worship of our church.